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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"INSPECTION METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR CIRCUIT PATTERN"

the specification of which: (check one) is attached hereto.

was filed on November 29, 1999
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(if applicable)

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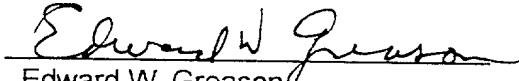
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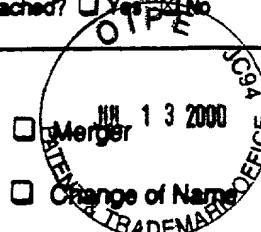
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A. Patent Application No.(s)

09/450,856

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* U.S. Serial No. 09/450,856 filed on November 29, 1999 invented by me (if only one is named below) or us (if plural inventors are named below) and described in the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, executed on even date herewith, and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, continuations and extensions thereof, the said interest being the entire ownership of the said Letters Patent when granted, to be held and enjoyed by said HITACHI, LTD., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full end of term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me or us if this assignment and sale had not been made;

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